BIRD CALENDAR, 1931—27th YEAR

Bulletin No. 2, May 4

Bulletin No. 2 of the Bird Calendar contains records on 103 species of birds. These include winter birds, transients, and nesting species. The number of individuals seen on each date gives one an indication of the relative abundance of the various species. It also gives one an idea of how this abundance fluctuates with the arrival of new migrants from the south and the departure of others for the north. If this record can be maintained from year to year, valuable data and information will be obtained on the variations in abundance over longer periods, and perhaps some of the causes for these variations may be determined.

One hundred and nineteen species have been recorded so far this year. Thirty-six species not recorded in Bulletin No. 1 are included here. Most of these are migrants which have come up from the south during the month. In the following pages, those species which are not numbered were first recorded in Bulletin No. 1; those which are numbered are new birds.

In order to make this record most interesting and worthwhile, a large number of contributors is desired. Those who handed in records for this bulletin are the following:

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Credit for the individual records are given to these contributors by inserting their initials (except "Watts" for W. H. Watts) after the name of each species.

A few records are of especial interest. John Aldrich reports large flights of phoebes, crows, meadowlarks, song sparrows, and robins on April 8 and also the early arrival of savannah sparrows on this date. On the 14th, he reports no marked movement, but on the 20th, there was a large movement of Bonaparte gulls, field sparrows, and hermit thrushes.

W. H. Watterson states that ducks have not been as abundant this year as usual. However, he did receive a report of 5000 ducks of several species at Aurora Pond during the week preceding April 11.

Attention is called to the following two records in particular. The first is the occurrence of the Audubon warbler in Cleveland on April 30th. The other is the nesting of the red-breasted nuthatch in the North Chagrin Reservation. Both of these probably constitute first records for the state. Fuller explanations will be found after the name of the species.

It is planned to issue the third bulletin early in June. The spring bird migration will reach its height about the middle of May. Bird-lovers and students should not miss an opportunity to be out in the woods and fields this month. The committee to whom all records should be reported before the last day of the month are S. C. Kendeigh, W. H. Watterson, John Aldrich, C. M. Finfrock, J. P. Visscher, F. H. Herrick, and C. M. Shipman.

84. Pied-billed Grebe - J.A.; W.H.W., Watts. April 4 (1); 8 (1); 11 (1); 12 (1); 14 (2); 19 (1).

85. Loon - J. A. April 12 (1).

Herring Gull - J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 8 (5); 11 (50, 50); 14 (50); 20 (3); becoming less numerous at Gordon Park.

Ring-billed Gull - J.A., W.H.A. Apr. 8 (10); 12 (4 at Shaker Lakes); 14 (5); 20 (6).

Bonaparte Gull - J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 11 (300); 14 (100); 20 (1000 - at Mentor Headlands); much less common than usual at Gordon Park. – W.H.W.

Red-breasted Merganser - W.H.W. Apr. 11 (4) Geauga Lake; This species is usually common at Gordon Park, but none this year since Jan. 26.

Hooded Merganser - J.A. April 12 (1).

Mallard - J.A., W.H.W. April 11 (20-30); 14 (4).

Black Duck - J.A., W.H.W. April 11 (6), (20-30 at Aurora Pond).

Baldpate - J.A., W.H.W. April 4 (6); 12 (4, several at Aurora Pond); 14 (1).

86. Blue-winged Teal - J.A., W.H.W. April 4 (2), 11(2); 26(1).

Pintail - J.A., W.H.W. April 8 (2); 11 (several at Aurora Pond); 12 (6).

Redhead - J.A. April 12 (4).

Canvas-back - F. G., J.A. April. 5 (200); 11 (4).

Lesser Scaup Duck - J.A. , W.H.W., Watts, S.C.K. Apr. 4 (250 at Gordon Park; reduced to 100 on Apr. 26); 11 (140); 14 (10); 19 (10); 21 (2); 30 (20).

Ring-necked Duck - F.G., S.C.K. Apr. 5 (1); 11 (1 male, 2 females at Gordon Park).

87. Bufflehead - W.H.W. Apr. 9 ((1).

Golden-eye - J. A., Watts, S.C. K. Apr. 2 (2); 19 (2); 20 (3).

88. Ruddy Duck - J.A. April 14 (1).

89. Whistling Swan - J.A. April 12 (8).

90. Green Heron - W.H.W. April 30 (1).

91. Great Blue Heron - F.G., J.A., S.C.K. Apr. 9 (2); 11 (2); 12 (50 – in heronry near Sandusky); 14 (1); 20 (1); 30 (1).

92. Coot - J.A. April 11 (2); 12, 14 (2).

Woodcock - F.G., J.S., E.K. Mar. 30 (1); Apr. 8 (1); 18 (1); 30 (4 young, 1 adult; 1 young collected).

Wilson Snipe - F.G., W.H.W., Watts, J.A. Apr. 8 (1); 12 (20); 14 (1); 18 several – "winnowing"); 19 (5, 1); 20 (1); 25 (15).

93. Pectoral Sandpiper - JA., W.H.W. Apr. 12 (1); 16 (1); 30 (2).

94. Solitary Sandpiper - W.H.W. Apr. 23 (1).

95. Spotted Sandpiper - W. H.W. Apr. 26 (2).

96. Greater Yellow-legs - J.A. Apr. 12 (70); 20 (1).

97. Upland Plover - F.G. Apr. 19 (3).

Killdeer - J.A., F.G., S.C.K. Apr. 9 (5); 11 (1); 12 (1, 20); 20 (3); 21 (1); 25 (5).

Bob-White - F.G. Apr. 19 (10); 25 (12).

Ruffed Grouse - J.S. Apr. 17 (91).

Mourning Dove - J.S., F.G., J.A., W.H.W., Watts, S.C.K. Apr. 7 (2); 8 (7); 11 (2); 12 (2, 2, 2); 14 (1); 19 (1); 20 (1); 21((1); 25 (1, nest with 2 eggs); 26 (2); 30 (numerous).

Turkey Vulture - J.S., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 17 (2); 19 (92); 12 (2).

Marsh Hawk - J.S., J.A., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 11 (2); 14 (2); 19 (1); 20 (2 – male in courtship flight); 21 (1); 30 (1).

Sharp-shinned Hawk – J.S., W.H.W. Apr. 4 (1); 30 (1).

Cooper Hawk - J.A. Apr. 13 (1).

Red-tailed Hawk - J.S., J.A., Watts, S.C.K. Apr. 19 (1); 25 (1); 28 (1); 29 (3); 30 (1).

Red-shouldered Hawk - J.S., F.G., J.A., W.H.W. Apr. 9 (2); 9 (2, nest found 60 ft. up in beech); 11(1, 1); 19 (2, 2).

Rough-legged Hawk - J.A. Apr. 12 (6),

Sparrow Hawk - F.G., J.A., S.C.K. Apr. 8 (1); 11 (1); 12 (1); 14 (1); 21 (1); 25 (1, 1); 26 (1).

98. Barn Owl - J.A. Apr. 13 (1).

99. Long-eared Owl - S.C.K. Apr. 18 (1).

Barred Owl - J.A. Apr. 9 (1).

Great Horned Owl - J.A. Apr. 29 (1).

Belted Kingfisher – F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (1); 11(1, 5); 12; 14(2); 19(1,2); 20(4, pair nesting); 25(1).

Hairy Woodpecker – J.S., J.A., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 12(1); 14(2); 18(1); 19(1); 20 (2); 21 (1); 25 (2); 29 (1); 30 (2).

Downy Woodpecker – J.S., J.A., S.C.K. Apr. 8 (1); 11 (2); 12 (4); 25 (3); 26 (3); 30 (2).

100. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – J.S., F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Mar. 31 (1); Apr. 8 (1); 10 (2); 11 (4, 1); 12 (2, several); 14 (1, 2); 18 (1); 19 (3); 20 (1); 30 (1).

Northern Pileated Woodpecker – J.A. Apr. 6 (1).

Red-header Woodpecker – J.A. Apr. 23 (1).

Flicker – F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 5 (2); 8 (3); 11 (2); 12 (1, 1- first seen at Shaker Lakes since Jan. 4); 14 (4); 18 (1); 20 (5); 21 (1); 25 (2); 26 (5); 30 (2).

Phoebe – J.S., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 4 (1); 8 (20 – height of migration at Cleveland and eastward along the lake shore. – J.A.); 9 (1, 2, several); 11 (1, 1); 15 (1); 19 (1); 21 (2).

101. Horned Lark (O.a. alpestris) – J.A. Apr. 8 (1) collected.

Prairie Horned Lark – S.C.K. Apr. 12 (6 - singing).

Blue Jay – S.C.K. Apr. 11 (1); 25 (2).

Crow – J.A., S.C.K. Watts. Apr. 8 (100); 11 (6, 10); 14 (6); 18 (6): 19 (1); 20 (15); 21(15); 25 (5); 30 (2).

Starling – J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 11 (15); 18 (3, 8); 19 (2); 21 (15); 23 (nest with 5 eggs); 25 (3); 26 (3); 30 (6).

Cowbird – J.S., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (9); 9 (1, common at Shaker Lakes for first time this year); 11 (6, 6); 12 (1); 14 (5); 18 (4); 19; 21 (2); 25 (4); 26 (2); 7 (20).

Red-winged Blackbird – J.A., F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 5(4); 7 (males common and first female at Shaker Lakes – W.H.W.); 8(15); 11 (4, common); 12 (c); 14 (2); 18 (1); 19 (3); 20(15); 21 (6, 12); 25 (8); 26 (2); 30 (6).

Meadowlark – J.A., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 1 (35); 11 (1); 12(c); 14 (2); 18 (1); 19 (1); 20 (2); 21 (c); 25 (5); 30 (2).

Rusty Blackbird – J.A., W.H.W. Apr. 8 (1); 11 (1); 12.

Bronzed Grackle – J.S., J.A., S.C.K. Apr. 8 (2); 11 (8); 12 (2, 10); 14 (2); 18 (6); 20 (5); 21 (1); 26 (5); 30 (4).

Purple Finch – J.A. Apr. 14 (2).

Goldfinch – J.S., F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 9 (1); 11 (4, 1); 12 (1); 18 (1); 19 (1); 20 (1); 21 (12); 23 (1); 30 (c).

102. Vesper Sparrow – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (3); 9 (1); 11 (1); 12 (6, c); 18 (3); 19 (3, 2); 20 (2); 21 (5, 8).

103. Savannah Sparrow – F. G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 8 (2); 12 (several); 18 (c); 19 (1); 25 (1 singing).

104. White-throated Sparrow – J.S., F.G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 18 (2, 4); 19 (2); 20 (6); 21 (1); 23 (c); 26 (50); 28 (1); 30 (10).

Tree Sparrow – J.S., J.A., W.H.W. Apr. 8 (10); 12 (3); 18 (1); 23 (1).

105. Chipping Sparrow – J.S., F. G., J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 5(2); 7 (1); 12 (3); 13 (1); 14 (1); 18 (1, c); 19 (2); 21 (2); 25 (1).

Field Sparrow – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 5 (2);7 (3); 9; 10; 12 (1, 1, 1, several); 13; 14 (1); 15; 16; 18 (2); 19 (10); 20 (25); 21 (4); 25 (4); 30 (1).

Slate-colored Junco – W.HW., J.A., F.G., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 6 (3); 8 (8); 9 (scarce to this date, common since – W.H.W); 10; 11 (6); 14 (1); 15; 17; 19 (1, 3); 20 (4); 21; 24; 26 (50); 29.

Song sparrow – J. A., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (500); 11(c, c); 12 (5, c); 14 (10); 18 (6); 19 (10); 20 (25); 21 (c); 25 (c); 30 (2).

106. Swamp Sparrow – J.A., W.H.W. Apr. 11 (c); 18 (c); 20 (4).

107. Fox Sparrow – W.H.W., J.A.., F.G., J.S. Apr. 12 (3, several); 14 (1); 18 (2).

Towhee – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (4); 10 (1); 11 (1); 12 (1, several – common at Auburn all winter); 18 (2); 19 (1); 21 (1); 25 (10); 26 (2); 30 (6).

Cardinal – J.S., F.G., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 11(1); 12 (1); 18 (2, 2); 19 (3); 21 (2); 25 (4); 26 (2); 30 (2).

108. Purple MArtin – W.H.W., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 6 (4); 12 (2); 14 (several); 20 (1).

109. Cliff Swallow – W.H.W. Apr. 11 (3, at Aurora Pond).

110. Barn Swallow – F.G., S.C.K., E.D. Apr. 12 (3); 18 (1); 24 (1).

111. Tree Swallow – J. A., S.C.K. Apr. 11 (1); 12 (1); 20 (1).

Cedar Waxwing – J. A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 7 (6); 8 (25); 13(40); 14 (10); 17 (30); 18 (1); 19 (1, 2); 20 (1); 24 (2 flocks); 25 (3); 28 (40).

Migrant Shrike – J.A. Apr. 8 (4).

112. Myrtle Warbler – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K. Apr. 14 (1); 17 (1); 18 (2,1); 23 (several); 25 (2); 28 (1).

113. Audubon Warbler – W.H. Watterson. Apr. 30 – Shaker Lakes – "A bright male with a female of indistinguishable markings. Throat bright yellow, tail showing more white in flight than D. coronata, although I was not aware at the time that this was a field mark; breast apparently marked more heavily with black than D. coronata. Observed several times at 25 to 30 feet with 8X glasses in bright sunlight." This is a remarkable find since there are only two verified records of its occurrence east of the Mississippi River; one from Massachusetts, the other from Pennsylvania.

114. Louisiana Water-thrush – J.S., W.H.W., Watts. Apr. 17 (1); 19 (4, several).

115. Redstart – W.H.W. Apr. 30 (1).

116. Brown Thrasher – J.S., F.G., W.H.W. Apr. 21 (1); 22 (1); 25 (2); 26 (2).

Carolina Wren – E. K. Apr. 8 (1).

Winter Wren – J.S., J.A., W.H.W., Watts. Apr. 8 (1); 9 (1); 19 (2); 29 (1); 30 (1 singing).

Brown Creeper – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (1); 11 (1, 4); 12 (common for first time at Shaker Lakes); 13 (1); 14 (1); 18 (2); 19 (2, 3); 20 (1).

White-breasted Nuthatch – J.A., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 2 (1); 12 (1); 18 (1); 19 (1); 25 (1); 30 (1).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – J.A., W.H.W., S.C.K. Apr. 2 (5); 19 (1). Apr. 25 – Pair of birds seen at nest hole in dead stump 15 feet from the ground. Located in a beech-maple woods not far from hemlock, North Chagrin Reservation. The birds were probably excavating as one bird was seen in the hole. If this nesting is completed it will be the first state record. On April 30 two birds were seen near by, one scolding within 100 ft. of the nest. – S.C.K.

Tufted Titmouse – J.A., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 14 (1); 18 (4); 19 (3); 22 (1); 25 (4); 30 (1).

Black-capped Chickadee – J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 7 (3); 10 (2); 18 (4 – pair nesting); 19 (4); 21 (3); 25 (4); 26 (2); 30 (3).

Golden-crowned Kinglet – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (4); 11 (20); 12 (6, several); 14 (1); 17 (10); 18 (16); 19 (10); 20 (1); 25 (2).

117. Ruby-crowned Kinglet – W.H.W., E.K., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 13 (1, singing); 17 (2); 18 (2, 4); 19 (7); 23 (several); 26 (3); 30 (2, 1).

118. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – W.H.W. Apr. 26 (1).

119. Olive-backed Thrush – E.K. Apr. 30 (2).

Hermit Thrush – W.H.W., J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (2); 11 (2, 5, common for first time at Shaker Lakes); 14 (4); 17 (4); 19 (1); 20 (30); 26 (3).

Robin – J.A., F.G., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (100); 11 (4, c); 12 (16); 14 (15); 16 (nest); 17 (nest with 4 eggs); 18 (6); 19 (7); 20 (5); 25 (6); 30 (6).

Bluebird – J.A., J.S., S.C.K., Watts. Apr. 8 (10); 11 (2, 2); 12 (1); 14 (2); 18 (1); 19 (pair seen flying in and out of nest); 20 (3); 21 (6); 25 (3).